

SENATE BILL 582

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and  
Title 49, relative to partisan elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-208, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) Notwithstanding other provisions of this part, municipal elections in municipalities with a population less than one hundred thousand (100,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent census, shall be nonpartisan, unless the municipality's charter specifically permits partisan elections.

(2) If a municipality, by its charter or by virtue of the municipality's population being one hundred thousand (100,000) or greater, permits partisan elections, then the political parties may nominate candidates for municipal office by using the primary election provisions of this title or as otherwise authorized by the rules of the party.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-201, is amended by deleting the last sentence in subdivision (a)(1) and substituting instead the following:

All elections for school board members shall be conducted on a partisan basis, and political parties may nominate candidates for school board membership by any method authorized under the rules of the party or by primary election under title 2.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-201, is further amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.